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Only other thing I found from today relevant to the Pruitt thing. This may be what you saw.

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THE LIGHTBULB

President Trump listens to Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt speak after announcing the United States will withdraw from the Paris accord in the Rose Garden of the White House on June 1, 2017. (BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/AFP/Getty Images)

There has been much interest -- among Republicans, it's hopeful; among Democrats, it's fearful -- in how science will be conducted differently at the Environmental Protection Agency under Scott Pruitt. Following [President Trump's withdrawal](#) from the Paris climate accord, the EPA head is seeking to explain.

The former Oklahoma attorney general is suddenly appearing on all kinds of media outlets -- from "[Meet the Press](#)" this past Sunday, to MSNBC's "Morning Joe" on Tuesday to [Fox News](#) and Breitbart. In these segments, Pruitt not only defends the decision to depart the Paris accords ("all hat and no cattle," Pruitt called Paris to Fox's Martha MacCallum) but hints at what might come at the EPA.

On "Morning Joe" (not President Trump's [favorite forum](#), incidentally), host and former Florida GOP congressman Joe Scarborough [pressed](#) Pruitt on whether he knew (no one else seems to) whether Trump believes that human activity causes climate change. See the exchange below:

Joe And Willie Press Scott Pruitt On Climate Change And Human Impact | Morning Joe

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[As Scott Waldman of E&E News reported](#)

"primary contributor"

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the aforementioned op-ed

said as much to the House Science

Committee

withdrawal

Washington Post-ABC News poll

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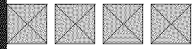
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President Obama speaks at a convention center in Montreal. (Paul Chaisson/The Canadian Press via AP)

[weighs in again](#)

~~The French ambassador to the United Nations adds his voice to the cacophony decrying the Paris Agreement.~~
Gearan reports. "America is perceived on this on the wrong side of history. For some, its sole guarantor of the world order, the U.S. is now being considered, again by some, and at the expense of the equilibrium."

- **Bret Stephen** -- the New York Times columnist who wrote that controversial [column](#) arguing about the consequences of climate change -- **isn't happy Pruitt quoted from his work during**

announcement. During a Q&A with fellow columnist Gail Collins, he said:

- *I was in Arizona, hiking with my son in Red Rock country, when Scott Pruitt, the E.P.A. dragged me into it. I'm supposed to comment on the news, not be the news, so I tried to avoid the risk of being the columnist who doth protest too much, let me just say this: **My climate change concern was about our mentality. It was about the perils of certitude in all things, not just the EPA. I had no business being in a policy statement of any sort.***

- Putting into sharp relief the slow pace at which the White House is filling top administrative posts, the panel voted seven, or 15 percent, of 46 top science posts in the federal government that require

Dan Brouillette, deputy secretary of Energy-designate for President Trump, speaks during a Senate Energy hearing on May 25, 2017. (Andrew Harrer/Bloomberg)

But some key appointments at the Energy and Interior departments are moving forward as the committee voted Tuesday to advance four nominees for key roles.

Dan Brouillette was cleared to be deputy secretary of the Energy Department with bipartisan support, while Robert Powelson for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The panel also voted to approve David Bernhardt, Trump's controversial nominee to be deputy secretary of the Interior, but pushed Democrats to oppose his nomination because of his former lobbying work at several energy and other extraction companies, such as Statoil and Halliburton. "The list of issues he has been involved in should be enough to recuse him right out of a job," said Diana Best, a senior climate campaigner at Greenpeace.

Red-state Democrat Sen. Joe Manchin (W.Va.) and Sen. Angus King (I-Maine) were the only Democrats to vote 14-9 vote.

"There is nothing wrong with Mr. Bernhardt representing these clients as a lawyer, but giving him the job of representing the public interests as deputy secretary of the Interior raises serious appearance of conflict of interest issues," said Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), The Hill reported.

Democrats were not pleased:

- **Federal judges to Pruitt: Why are you pausing an Obama-era methane rule?** The Hill is asking the Environmental Protection Agency to explain why it has the authority to pause a rule. The Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit said Tuesday that it is giving the agency until Monday by environmental groups, who say the agency's action halting the rule was illegal.
- **Ryan Zinke sounds off.** While speaking to members of the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association, the Interior secretary laid into some employees at the department he runs. *"We're too short on the front line, but boy, we have a lot of bureaucracy," he said. "What happens? **You start to expose serpents...** there are people out there that just don't ask the question of what Interior should be in the next 100 years. We have to adapt to it."*
- And **Rick Perry reassures Japan that "the U.S. commitment to environment is unchanged"** though the United States recently gave up a commitment in the Paris deal.
- **Finally, there's an aqueduct Trump wants to sell you.** The Post's Robert McCartney reports on the Washington Aqueduct, stirring fears among some that the White House's passion for private water residents in the District and Northern Virginia. But the plan, buried in a few short lines in a long report, could lead to a different outcome. Some officials in the District want the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to turn over the facility to D.C. Water, a public utility."

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vote. While both men kept their seats, good corporate governance groups interpret the vote as a shot across the bow on Exxon's governance policy, which, they say, is a governance committee as a shot across the bow on Exxon's governance policy, which, they say, is a

"ExxonMobil's refusal to allow shareholders to engage directly with its board members is unacceptable," Eli Kasargod-Staub, who leads governance research into ExxonMobil, said

50/50 Climate Project and other groups are frustrated that, for example, shareholders are not a

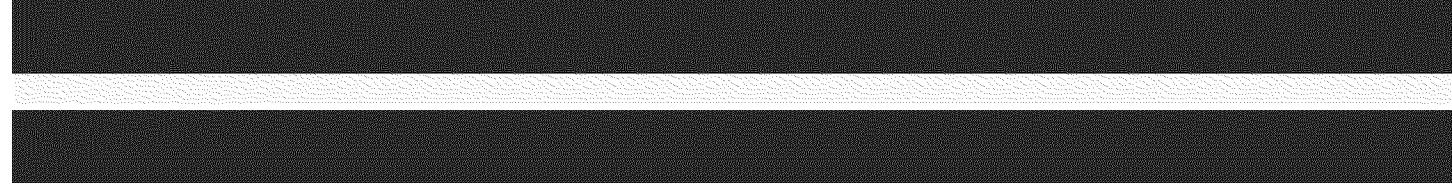
A youth looks at a new, taller fence being built along U.S.-Mexico border. (AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd, File)

- At a meeting with Republican leaders, **Trump reportedly floated the idea of covering his panels**. More from Axios's Jonathan Swan: "Trump said his vision was a wall 40 feet to 50 feet high, they'd be 'beautiful structures,' [Republicans] said. The President said that most walls you would be nothing like those walls. **Trump told the lawmakers they could talk about the idea**. One person cautioned that the President wasn't presenting the solar-paneled wall

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that would extend tax credits for carbon capture will soon be introduced, a Senate aide said Tuesday. "We will retain incentives to invest in the costly technology."

FLASHBACK: A Nevada businessman already proposed this to the Trump administration



Crevasses in a glacier are seen from a NASA research aircraft along the Upper Baffin Bay in March after a melt due to warming temperatures. (Photo by Mario Tama/Getty Images)

- In yet another indication of the interconnectedness of Earth's climate system, scientists recently **devastate crops in Africa**. "As melting Greenland glaciers continue to pour ice into the Atlantic, we worry about, scientists say. A new study suggests that if it gets large enough, the influx of meltwater could disrupt the flow of a major ocean current system, which in turn could dry out Africa's Sahel from Mauritania in the west to Sudan in the east. The consequence could be devastating agricultural production."
- **Scientists just linked another record-breaking weather event to climate change**. China's April heat wave shattered all-time temperature records across Southeast Asia, prompting a record number of elephant deaths and making international headlines. Now, scientists believe the event was driven by climate change event and human-caused climate change. And they say events like it will only become more frequent.



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The Post sent a pair of reporters to Pennsylvania -- one to Hillary Clinton country, another to T
Paris decision.

Reporting from not-Paris, The Post's Todd C. Frankel reports on **Pittsburgh residents buying**

*While that one sentence in Trump's speech might have been just an applause line, a rhetori
circles, it continues to resonate here. Trump was widely criticized for his nod to Pittsburgh bo
red. Hillary Clinton got 75 percent of the city's vote. But his comment also revealed a deeper
flourishing in the new economy and how they got there.*

And reporting from Somerset County, Pa. -- i.e. coal country -- The Post's Ana Swanson talks
president has not: That much of the decline in coal is due to economic and not just regulatory

*The towns scattered through the coal-rich Appalachian Mountains of southern Pennsylvania
Trump's lips last week as he announced the United States' withdrawal from the Paris climate
brand-new mine" — the Acosta Deep Mine, about 70 miles southeast of Pittsburgh — as a s*

*But while the locals heartily embrace the 70 or more new jobs the mine will bring, some, like
and his son, don't share the president's view of the industry's renaissance.*

*"Coal country is a great place to be from," Popernack said as he sat behind his applesauce a
repeated the line, emphasis on "from," cracking a smile around broken teeth. "Do you get it?"*

Here are some more local headlines:

- **HI: Hawaii became the first state to pass laws enforcing portions of the Paris climate**
- **KS: Utility Kansas City Power & Light (KCPL) has announced it will close six coal p**
- **NJ: The state's two biggest coal-fired power plants retired**

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Coming Up

- A House Natural Resource subcommittee will have a [legislative hearing](#) on land reclamation this morning.
- The Hudson Institute is hosting [an event](#) **on Thursday** starting at 11:30 a.m. on “the impact of climate change on the environment.”
- EPA head Scott Pruitt will testify before the House Appropriations Interior-EPA subcommittee on Thursday.
- **Later this month**, the U.S. Energy Information Administration will host its 2017 Energy Outlook Conference.
- **Secretary Ryan Zinke** has until **June 10** to make a recommendation about the future of the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah.
- The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee **postponed** its hearing on the nomination of **David Wright** to be members of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the nomination of **David Wright** to be administrator of the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance for the EPA. **The hearing was postponed to June 10.**

Watch explosives demolish the Oroville Dam's spillway, which caused massive flooding in California. [Slow motion: Explosives demolish the Oroville Dam](#)

Watch a group playing a soccer game in Cologne, Germany, look unfazed while a dirt tornado hits. [Gang's Jason Samenow](#):

Watch the video of rock climber Alex Honnold climb the 3,000-ft wall of Yosemite's El Capitan. [the site. \(National Geographic\)](#)

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